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# GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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**Part B for** April '45

**SUBJECT**

Mtd grant of Rs 5000/— by the Dist-Mulg B'lore for immediate relief to sufferers in Bamboo Bazaar fire on 23 3 45

The Mk Commr B'lore
Comptroller
L 10235 – 6 dated 14 5 45
Sanctions

M 44/4

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From the Municipal Commr Bangalore city

no A & pr 408/44-45 d 2-4-45

States that the Bangalore city Municipal Council have resolved among other things that a sum of Rs 5000/ might be given out of the Municipal funds for providing relief to the poor people, who have been rendered homeless and destitute, as a result of the Fire Accident at the Bamboo Bazaar on 23-3-45, and requests sanction of Government thereto

Also for orders ~~to~~ in the above resolution may be sanctioned

The Bangalore city Mcl have passed on 24 3 1945 number of resolutions relating to the relief to be granted to the sufferers in the fire-accident in the Bamboo Bazaar area, on the 23rd November

The ML Comm has submitted for the sanction of Govt some of them

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Which is to the effect that a
sum of Rs 5000 may be paid immediately
out of HL funds for giving relief
to the poor people who have been
rendered homeless & destitute
This may be sanctioned
by the HL Com. pending proposals in respect of the other
resolutions — wherever necessary —
for the orders of Govt

7/4/23

Lawley Jones
6/4/45

This may be approved
as an immediate relief
measure

Cm
7.4.1945
Jones

Wavell 7/4/45

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Ppt for admn of
Rs 5 lacs

Submitted with a draft letter

Secretary
Jones
6/4/45

To. The HL Com.
Comptroller
L 10235-6/HL 10-44-123 D 14.4.45
Sanctions the above proposal

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ICE OF THE M N
FOR REVENUE & LAW
No. 4103
Date 7/4/45

# BANGALORE CITY MUNICIPALITY

No A8-Pr 408/44-45 MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Encl

*Bangalore* 2nd April 1945

FROM K Subba Rao, Esq , B A ,
~~P. SUBBARAYANARAYANA SETTI, ESQ,~~
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER
BANGALORE CITY

To

C Narayanaswamy Naidu, Esq , B A , B L ,
Legal Remembrancer & Secretary to Government,
Law Department, BANGALORE

SIR

I have the honour to state that the measures to be taken to afford relief to the sufferers from the fire accident at the Bamboo Bazaar on the 23rd March 1945 and also to shift the Bamboo Bazaar to another place were discussed at great length at the Special Meeting of the Council held on 24th March 1945 The Council have resolved among other things, that a sum of Rs 5,000/- might be given out of the municipal funds for providing relief to the poor people who have been rendered homeless and destitute, as a result of the fire accident A copy of the said resolution is herewith forwarded for favour of obtaining sanction of Government to pay Rs 5,000/- out of the municipal funds Needful action will be taken on the other points referred to in the resolution and proposals submitted to the Government for orders separately in each case, wherever necessary

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Municipal Commissioner

Forwarded with Compliments

Honorary President 4/4/45

Proceedings of the Urgent Special Meeting of the City Municipal Council Bangalore held on 24th March 1945 at 5 P M in the Council Chambers of the City Municipal Council Offices, Bangalore

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At the outset the Commissioner explained the situation caused on account of the recent fire accident in the New Bamboo Bazaar and said that according to the information he got, 39 shops, 22 sheds ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ and one fuel depot were burnt completely and the estimated loss was about 10 lakhs minimum and 15 lakhs maximum roughly According to the understanding with the C & M Station Authorities, they had to send the Fire-fighters if there were any fire accidents in the City and accordingly the fire fighters from the C & M Stations came to the spot The Military Police, A & F ~~xx~~ and the Commissioner of the C & M Station was also present on the spot and almost all the equipments were requisitioned to quench the fire On receipt of intimation of the fire accident at about 2 P M , he instructed the Municipal Engineer to rush to the spot with the Municipal Water lorry and he (Commissioner) also proceeded thereafter The main difficulty experienced by them was inadequate supply of water and the non-availability of hydrants there and if there were no wells perhaps the situation would have been still worse He was of the opinion that it would be of great help if the well there were improved and a bathing ghat formed so that the unfiltered water could be made use of, for bathing and washing purposes The next question they had to consider was whether it was desirable to keep the bamboo bazaar there only or it should be shifted If the Council desired to shift the Bamboo Bazaar, he said that there was no other suitable place excepting the Industrial Suburb area where this as well as the timber yard could be shifted By doing so he thought that it would be of great help to the merchants also, because it would be very close to the railway station He, with the Government Architect had seen the spot in the morning and had selected a place also If the Council approved of this idea he said, that whatever amenities and facilities these people wanted could be provided there and probably the Trust Board had to take up this question, because the area was outside the Municipal limits He had a talk with some of these merchants also to whom he had informed that the Council would in all probability decide to shift the Bamboo Bazaar from that place

As regards the relief to be given to the poor people whose huts were burnt down in the accident the Commissioner said that the Health Officer suggested that they might be temporarily put up in the Sankal Farm and it was a matter for consideration by the Council whether any hutting materials should be given free of cost, by the Municipality to these people or not

Mr A J Khaleel - Last time when the fire broke out some suggestions were made and it was thought desirable that kulmies which are in the vicinity should be removed and these shops where iron materials are kept had to be removed and the sheds in the place ~~wwww~~ horses and ponies are kept should be removed What action has been taken, I do not know The rumour is yesterday when the information was given about the fire accident, first all it appears there was no motor and no petrol and even if petrol was available appliances ~~xxx~~ were not kept properly making the machinery to move If the military had not come suddenly, the havoc would have been much more with serious loss How far this is correct, I do not know

Mr Commissioner ,- I think it is a separate issue That will come before you and we have deferred that subject That is really a police matter and we have no control over that It is the I G P who is responsible for the Police Fighting Force I myself gave the information at about 2 o' clock I think most of you know, they came half an hour or ~~x~~ hour late I quite agree It is a separate issue

Mr K N Ramaswamy - I would like to know what our machines do?

Mr Commissioner - They did most magnificient work The first machine which went there was ours The Engineer himself was in the lorry from the biginning to the end You know that there is a big drain, and that our stores is situated there. I have a proposal which will come before the Council, that we acquire all this area and locate our workshop, smithy, carpentry there On this side, we do not want to allow any development Reserve this area - triangular bit, for Municipal purposes either for immediate or later development If you decide to shift the bamboo bazaar I have got one suggestion to make I think the area is too valuable to be utilised for dwelling purposes I may just bring out a suggestion that Chickpet and Doddapet is highly congested We may develop a cloth market - a Godown Bangalore is one of the most important parts of the South India. My suggestion is that we may develop a big cloth market provided of course you decide of shifting the Bamboo Bazaar

Mr G Ranjappa - Is there no trouble in locating the Bamboo Bazaar in the Industrial Suburb

Mr Commissioner - I went this morning with the Government Architect and I have selected a place provisionally If the Bamboo Bazaar is shifted there I think for another half a century, there will be no question of again shifting

At this stage the President wanted to move some propositions from the Chair and Mr G H Ethirajulu Naidu said that if there was any proposition that was coming from the Chair it might be moved after the discussion so that the President also would be in a position to know the discussion

Mr President - I am not immediately placing a proposition have considered the various aspects of the situation and I have drafted certain propositions I simply place them before you for information. Later on you may accept them or do anything you like with them If you have these propositions in mind, I think you can concentrate attention on this essential points

Mr G H Ethirajulu Naidu - It may come after the discussion b the house

Mr President - I do not say that you must accept my own propositions Simply to give you the necessary information, I am placing them before the House If all of you agree with me discussion may be curtailed, but if you want to make amendments or alterations, you can do so I am not moving now any proposition The President then read to the House the following draft proposals -

1 This Council expresses its deep sympathy for the sufferers in yesterdays fire accident in the Bamboo Bazaar

2 This Council resolves to start a relief fund for the benefit of the poor people who have been rendered homeless and destitutes on account of the fire accident and contribute a sum of Rs 5 000/- out of the Municipal funds to the relief fund

3 That a Committee consisting of the President, Commissioner Municipal Engineer, Health Officer and 7 Councillors be formed to collect contributions and to administer the relief fund

4 This Council appeals to the Government and the public to make liberal contributions to the Fund

5 That the Director of Food Supplies be requested to issue immediately duplicate ration cards to those who have lost ration cards, free of cost

6 That the Deputy Commissioner and the Municipal Executive be requested to take immediate action to provide at least temporary

temporary shelter to those who have been rendered completely homeless and to open a Poor People's Canteen for the benefit of the sufferers

? That the Bamboo Bazaar be shifted to an open place near Magadi Road, (b) that the shops be so constructed that there is at least a space of 50 feet between shop and shop, (c) that every shop should be provided with hydrants (d) that no owner of a bamboo shop be allowed to construct his dwelling place within a distance of 50 feet from the shop, (e) that the entire area covered by the Bamboo Bazaar be immediately acquired, (f) that the house owners whose houses have been destroyed by fire be given sites in a new layout for upset prices and the Government be requested to give house building advances to them on easy terms, (g) that steps be taken to shift the timber yard also to a convenient place near the Magadi Road (h) that the existing public wells be improved and the Commissioner be requested to place before the Council a definite plan with estimates in this respect

Mr Commissioner - I understand that most of these bamboo people who had shops in the Bazaar were living there alone If the Bamboo Bazaar is shifted outside the city and if you do not provide them conveniences to live I do not think anybody would go That is why when I took the Government Architect with me I have told him that we cannot allow these people to live in the Godowns and he must form a separate extension to provide at least 100 families who keep these timber depots With all their conveniences for enjoyment on one side they will have godowns next to them but separately there will be an extension with all the conveniences they enjoy in the City You can give some hutting materials to those people whose huts have been burnt down and you will be really doing something good for them

Mr W H. Hanumanthappa speaking next said that it was absolutely necessary to shift the Bamboo Bazaar and he suggested that both the Bamboo Bazaar and the Timber yard might be shifted somewhere near the Lalbagh where he was told that some open space was available A condition was imposed upon these merchants that they should keep about 50 ft open space in front of the shop and this open space belonged to the Municipality What they did was the bamboos were stored in front of the shop in the open space and utilised the rear portion for dwelling purposes although it was meant to store the bamboos and other materials. So much so it gave room for spreading of the fire in the area. The poor people whose huts were burnt in the accident should be given hutting materials free of cost and the relief proposed also should be given immediately

Commissioner - All the people in Bamboo Bazaar have earned well and they are not in poor condition People who are in the huts are real sufferrs It is not that I am coming in the way of your helping them When they have lost lakhs of rupees how far the Municipality can help by giving some thousands is a matter which you have to think over

Mr. G P Sthirajula Naidu - I think I am voicing the feelings of all in the Council when I say that we are thankful to you for having convened this meeting so urgently to consider this matter and the Commissioner to have come to this meeting I can only say that it is but proper that we should meet and discuss this matter at this opportunity I think I am not wrong if I say that it is the biggest tragedy that has overtaken Bangalore There are two rows in Bamboo Bazaar. It is a matter of accident that some of us came to know at 4 o' clock As a matter of fact when I was in the Revenue Commissioner office, I came to know about it, As the commissioner pointed out, it is for the 3rd time that the fire has broken out in that locality and I think all of us will agree that the Bamboo Bazaar shifted from that place In fact last night when I went round at 12 30 I found that the flames had spread up again and I was afraid it might spread to Kalasipalyam. On that point we are one with the Commissioner that the Bamboo Bazaar should be shifted, but there is one other

other thing which I have to point out which is a matter for investigation by the concerned authorities My opinion is that the fire broke out in the Krishna Body Building Works and there have been a number of representations made that there is a smithy in the Body Building Works which is always a source of danger to the adjoining xxxxxxg shops It is a matter for the President and the Commissioner to go into and find out if such representations have been made I am told that a number of representations were made by the adjoining shop owners that it is a source of danger

Mr Commissioner - I understand that No 14 in this sketch is the Krishna Body Building Works The information that it started from there cannot be true

Mr H C Suryanarayana Rao - The next building is my vacant site so the fire cannot be from that side

Mr G R Ethirajulu Naidu - That is why I said very guardedly On account of the war people had made some money and probably Kumboo Bazaar was better stocked now than at any other time It is a very unfortunate thing that this tragedy should have occured in the City of Bangalore You have already suggested, Mr President that primarily the relief must be extended to those people who have been rendered homeless - those people who are living in the sheds I may tell you that with the assistance of friends we have supplied rice last night and also today That was because crisis had occurred and we came to their rescue and now I leave to matter of relief to more competent hands The crying need for them is xxxx this no doubt we have given last night rice xxxxx There are two aspects to be considered They are exposed to weather and the second thing is they will start a colony and a difficulty as expressed by the Commissioner will arise It is 30 or 40 sheds which have been destroyed They are all very ectare people It is a thing they have already put up skeleton of sheds there

Commissioner - The District Magistrate has issued this memo (Here the Commissioner read the memo in question)

Mr G R Ethirajulu Naidu - I have already found in the morning and of course, it is our duty to give them shelter somewhere I have told these people that I will meet them at 6 o' clock and tell them after consultation with the Commissioner the exact place to which they can shift As a temporary measure some people suggested to me that in the City Bus stand there are a number of vacant places of which Mr T T Sharma was complaining

Mr Commissioner - I think it is leased out

Mr G R Ethirajulu Naidu - He is not making use of them The Commissioner or the President may ask them and as a temporary measure they may select that place

Mr Commissioner - I think it is fairly a good place to locate them in the Vigrants' Home near the Dharmambudhi Tank.

Mr G R Ethirajulu Naidu - About 250 people altogether may require relief, those whose things have been burnt If you want to shift the entire colony probably another 200 people may be required About 500 people in all have to be provided

About the proposal of shifting these people I agree with the view that they must be kept elsewhere either in the City or in the vicinity As the Commissioner pointed out and as Mr. M H Hanumanthappa drew our attention when fire as you know started in this row it went over to the other row The reason is this These people who have shops here put their timber materials about 50 feet in front of the shop and the man in the other shop puts his timber 50 feet before the shop Practically there will be no space even for one

one vehicle to pass through . I think it would be necessary to increase the distance from 50 feet to 100 feet and also have vigorous control that they do not encroach beyond that place After all it is in their own interest and they do not realise that I may appeal to the House that if we are giving anything, let us give it in time In fact there is one Chinnaswamy who helped in the distribution of food, counting the number of families, etc , and he was telling me this morning that he has 5 children I must say to his credit that after he distributed the rice nothing was left to him I would be failing in my duty if I did not express the gratitude of the House and of those who are present for the prompt work that was done by the Municipal Commissioner, Municipal Engineer and o other members of the Municipal Staff There is one Mr Surendra, Licensing Officer He was doing endless work He was with me till 8 .0 P M , last night and he was very helpful I only appeal to this House that the relief measures to those who have been rendered homeless may be done immediately and give effect to before this night falls

Mr Commissioner - First of all if you wish, let us see the place and see what materials are required to be given to them

Mr. G R Kinir jula Vidu - Monitary help by way of Rs 25/- to put up some sheds for them may be paid immediately But what I would say is that they must be provided with shelter from tonight onwards One suggestion I make is there is that place City Bus Stand There are a number of empty verandahs If they are provided with that they will be satisfied The other place is, there is one choultry on the Lalbagh Road to cemetry and there is another choultry from Lalbagh road to Kaital dospital and there is one temple on the right side, of Mr Doosa Venkataswamappa . It will provide lot of accomodation Most of them are Adi-dravidas I have consulted this Venkataswamappa he said he has no objection to house these people temporarily

Mr T T Sharma - There is one choultry, Siddaramanna's Choultry which is very suitable for the purpose

Mr Mirza Azizulla Beig observed that this was for the third time there was an occurance of Fire accident in the Bamboo Bazaar and on a previous occasion the Deputy suggested that the Bamboo Bazaar should be shifted from that place. Instead of doing that he was told that licenses, were granted for the constructions of buildings in that locality

The Commissioner said that when a party applied for building license neither the Commissioner nor the Municipal Council had any power to refuse the license

Mr W H Hanumanthappa said that as regards the un authorised construction the Commissioner had a right to pull down such constructions with due sanction of Council

The Commissioner informed the Member that he was referring not about the unauthorised constructions, about the grant of licenses for building houses

Continuing Mr Mirza Azizulla Beig said that there was no two opinions in the matter of shifting the Bamboo Bazaar from the present place but the place where it had to be shifted keeping in view the inconveniences that may be caused to those people by shifting it to a far off place He was afraid that the Bamboo Merchants might not readily accept the suggestion of the Commissioner to shift them to Magadi Road and therefore he thought that it would be advisable to constitute a Committee consisting of some of the representatives of merchants also, so that this matter might be solved to mutual satisfaction. He did not agree with the view that both the Timber merchants and Bamboo Marchants should be shifted to one and the same place, because they weere dealing with different types of articles and one had nothing to do with the other condition should be imposed to

imposed to keep 50 ft open space in front of the Bamboo shops and they should not be allowed to store the bamboos there.

The President informed the Member that there was no harm in shifting the Bamboo Bazaar to Lawley Road and that if necessary the merchants would be permitted to have retail shops in the city after making sufficient arrangements to prevent occurrence of fire accidents.

The Commissioner said that after the Industrial Suburb was formed almost all the important industrial concerns in the City would be shifted there and there was no doubt that the locality would become a prominent business centre. In these circumstances he did not agree that business would suffer if these people were shifted to the Industrial suburb area although for a temporary period these people might be inconvenienced. The area being too close the Railway station it would be of very great help to the merchant class.

Mr Mirza Azimulla Beig proceeding said that there must be a clear open space of not less that 50 feet between the two shops and the merchants should never be allowed to stock the bamboos there. As shifting of the Bamboo Bazaar, he suggested that it might be located in the open spaces just to the east of Lalbagh where he was told plenty of open space was available. He suggested that the matter might be referred to a Committee and the opinion of some of the representatives of the merchants also sought for.

Coming to the question of giving relief to persons whose houses were completely burnt down in the fire accident, Mr Beig was of the opinion that a list may be prepared showing the number of houses which so burnt down and the community to which some of them belonged and also to see whether it was practicable to give all of them shelter in the Slums irrespective of community. This question may also be considered in detail by the Committee.

Mr. H.C. Suryanarayana Rao speaking next said that these people were in the habit of storing the bamboos in the open space in front of the shops. This was proceed to facilitate them to get the goods stored there as soon as the consignment was received from the Railway Yard and shift the same immediately inside. This was not being done and that was one of the reasons why the fire spread out in the locality. The speaker was of the opinion that non-combustible article should be kept on the roofing and not Cocoanut leaves as these people did. They must be insisted upon having zinc sheet sheds and the bamboos should never be kept vertically. According to the information he got some of the family people were dwelling in the rear portion and this was mainly due to the fact that the open space in the front was made use of for storing the bamboos and the rear portion was made use of for dwelling purposes. In a matter like this there would be number of suggestions and only after general discussions and no thought it was better if it was decided by some experts. In his opinion out of 57 shops burnt, there was hardly one owner and it was not right for these merchants to have made residential quarters in the rear portion in a place like that. So far as the shifting of the Bamboo Bazaar is concerned he said that there absolutely no two opinion in the matter and in his opinion he thought that the place now selected by the Commissioner was best suited for the purpose, in view of the close proximity of the Railway Station and other Industrial Concerns coming up in the locality in the near future. If necessary, he had no objection to open 9 retail shops in the 9 divisions of the City, in suitable places which would serve the needs of the public. Whatever facilities these people wanted, the Council was prepared to consider and even recommended to Government for advancing them money on easy terms but they on their part should stick up to the conditions imposed by the Municipality to prevent the occurrence of fire. In conclusion, he said that the Council would agree with the place selected by the Executive.

Mr. S. Srinivasachar speaking next thanked all those concerned.

concerned, the Police, Municipal Executive and staff, Military and others for the yeoman service rendered by them on the occasion. It was said that a Committee might be constituted consisting of some Municipal Councillors and Executive and also some of the representatives of these merchants so that the Committee might have a concrete proposal for submission to Government. The Committee may go into the question of framing rules necessary to prevent the encroachment of fires and also to see if compulsory insurance scheme might be enforced.

Mr. F. T. Obeyesekere speaking next said that it was their first duty to sympathise with the sufferers which itself would give a sort of relief to those people. While he was in the thick of the fire broke out in the said area and it was very unfortunate that the complete bazaar was burnt down resulting in heavy loss. He urged the necessity for feeding those people who were completely rendered helpless at least for a period of one week or little more until the work situation came to normal and the entire cost may be met out of the Municipal funds. If they did it he thought there was no better service they could render, than this. He thanked all those who did service on the occasion including the Municipal Executive, Police and Military authorities in particular and also he said may for suspending the cinema shows on that day and accommodating the poor people who were rendered helpless in the theatres. As it was really necessary he thought that the Council could request the owners of the other cinema houses in the City to accommodate these people and he was certain that they would come to their rescue.

Coming to the question of housing the people who have lost their huts he said that it was matter which had to be taken up very urgently and the Municipality could provide for the purpose either Rs. 5,000/- or even more if need be. So far as the question of shifting the Sammpur Bazaar he said there was no difference of opinion, but the point for consideration was whether it should be shifted to the industrial suburb area or some other suitable place. This was a matter which had to be decided by a committee and there was no use for him giving a resolution immediately. It was also necessary to take the opinion of some of the representatives of the merchants and so he could not give his decision to shift it to a particular place without consulting those people. With regard to the temporary feeding arrangements and shifting of the Sammpur bazaar to a suitable place and providing facilities to the persons who lost their huts to enable them to start their business in the shortest time, any of the places might be fixed and he had no objection to that.

Mr. Tudor Rajapakse speaking next said that in the interests of the suburbs residents of the City, it was highly essential to shift the Barber bazaar from the existing place and he was one with those who agreed to the Commissioner's proposals in the matter of shifting the Barber bazaar to the industrial suburb area and the poor people in the Cinnamon Farm.

Mr. G. Ramanathan next said that according to the statements made by the Commissioner he was satisfied that the place now selected by him in the industrial suburb for locating the Sammpur Bazaar had been selected by Government. Even in the ordinary course any place that might be selected by the Council for the purpose should go before the Trust Board and Government for acceptance and now that a place was agreed by both the Trust Board and Government had been selected by the Commissioner he hoped that it was for the privilege of all to accept the proposal of the Commissioner, if the Council really wants to help these people. Even if this matter was referred to the Committee, he was sure that this proposal would be accepted and the same opinion would be forthcoming from them also.

Mr. Commissioner - We have seen the spot this morning and the City Commissioner is ready to give possession today if required. If you allow these two or three days will open out some shops there and later it would be very difficult for us to shift them

Therefore wit ut minding the little te porary inconven ences that may be caused to them it is better we take up the edicte steps to shift the Bamboo Bazaar from the present place

Mr G Narayppa proceeding said that as opened by Mr T T Sharma arrangements should be made for feeding the poor people who have lost their huts at least for a period of one week

Mr Commissioner - Nobody is opposed to the idea of feeding the poor but I desire to place before you our difficulties We must find out vessels, get the rationed articles and arrange for the cooks and it is a bit difficult task to do all these things It is therefore better if a small committee be constituted so that it might be entrusted to their Committee and whatever the Committee finds the executive we are prepared to do it

Mr A J Abdul - All of us agree that relief should be given there are no difference of opinion so far as that matter is concerned but unfortunately we have missed one point the real sufferers are 63 people who has their shops there All there shops are burnt down including everything that we count in this world Under such circumstancesthe relief measures should be to put these people on their legs Unfortunately in the resolution put forward I do not see any place On the other hand the measures adopted are something which are cute to kill them even in the little breath If you tell them that the present land over which their houses were standing are burnt down would be taken away by the Municipality the only alternative left to them would be to commit suicide, Mr H C Suryanarayana also suggested that the types of the shops must be ideal type and I am sure that the present condition of the shops keepers are not in a position to do it because they have lost everything Even the scale they had effected yesterday was there because they had gone for prayers If you suggest to them that you will be renting them to Aminadi Mandi, I am sure vultures will have to take of them That land you are not giving on rent this How are they to build Where are they to start life afresh But about the Committments all this question is before us and just at this time you want to shift them to Aminadi Mandi no doubt it is a very good suggestion but how are these people to stand When you say that the land on which shops were standing should be acquired It takes away their life for they are not only tradeless but also landless You want to acquire these lands and that compensation they will receive sometime in 1946 when once they come to know that you are acquiring nobody will advance money I feel that some little more courage we have to take in our hands This is not the time for us to think that permanent arrangements should be made for the Bamboo Bazaar to be located On the other hand my humble opinion is that you must immediately give roof to these people who have not only lost their shops huts but to these people who have lost shops I think the municipality is not in a position to give help to these people who have lost their shops I request the Government to make a permanent advance of Rs 5 000/- to these merchants No doubt some people made money during war and you can count them on finger tips There are 63 people who have lost everything in this world These people do require help at the hands of the Government That help i e Rs 5 000/- must be recommended by this Council We will be failing in our duty if we do not draw the attention of the Government that these merchant class will go to dogs if you do not help them now House building advance in the shape of Rs 10 00 000/- must be reserved by the Government Some people suggested that a Committee should be formed They will never agree to all your suggestions to go to Aminadi Mandi, unless you rake them belly regarding providing these persons whose huts are burnt in the fire accident In the Samaj Form I must say that in this area bid mosquitoes will come and take their life and what little blood they have got will be sucked by them Then will

will you give light and water I leave it to the Commissioner Engineer Water Supply Division Executive Engineer immediate rel of must be given to these people I feel that these people who have lost every thing deserve our consideration at our hands Threat should not be put before them that their lands will be required summarily Even if this resolution is passed my single vote has no weight but still I shall oppose that portion of the proposition but we not do any such thing because already their property is lost

Mr [illegible] I think my friend is helping them to [illegible] the wrong way [illegible] is alleged to [illegible] there will be this trouble again

Mr Mirza Ziaulla Baig - Unless we invite them and we know their mind also there is no use our passing a resolution here The matter must be referred to a Committee You may do it within 24 hours but you must take their suggestions first

Then the following resolutions were moved from the Chair and passed by the House

1 This Council expresses its deep sympathy for the sufferers in yesterday's fire accident in the Bamboo Bazaar

2 That a sum of Rs 5,000/- be given out of Municipal funds for providing relief to the poor people who have been rendered homeless and destitute on account of the fire accident

3 That a committee consisting of the Health Officer the Municipal Engineer Mr [illegible] Athirajulu Naidu, and Mr Mirza Ziaulla Baig be appointed to take immediate action for providing relief as per resolution No 2

4 That the entire Commissioner Bangalore and the Municipal Executive be requested to take immediate action to provide at least temporary shelter to those who have been rendered completely homeless

5 That the Bamboo Bazaar be shifted to some other suitable place

6 That the entire area covered by the Bamboo Bazaar be immediately acquired (Mr [illegible] Chetty said that he will never agree to this resolution would oppose this resolution)

7 That the house owners whose houses have been destroyed by fire be given sites in a new layout for upset prices and that the Government be requested to give house building advances to them on easy terms

8 That steps be taken to shift the timber yards also to some other convenient place

9 That the existing public wells be improved and that the Commissioner be requested to place before the Council a definite plan with estimate in this respect

10 That the Government be requested to give advance on reasonable terms to the Bamboo merchants who have lost all their properties

Then the meeting terminated

Sd/- A. Gopalaswamy Iyengar
Hon President

"Copy"

[signature] K. Sreenivasa
Spl Commissioner

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

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Read -

Letter No A8-Lr-408/44-45 dated 2nd April 1945 from the Municipal Commissioner Bangalore City requesting sanction to the resolution dated 24th March 1945 passed by the Bangalore City Municipal Council to contribute a sum of Rs 5 000/- from out of the municipal funds for providing immediate relief to the poor people who have been rendered homeless and destitute as a result of the fire accident in the Bamboo Bazaar area Bangalore City on 23rd March 1945

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To
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